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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Game Show Network, LLC v. Cablevision Systems Corp.*,
 MB Docket No. 12-122, File No. CSR-8529-P**

To the Commission:

We write on behalf of Plaintiff Game Show Network, LLC (“GSN”) in response to the January 23, 2017 letter of Cablevision Systems Corporation (“Cablevision”) requesting oral argument on its Exceptions to the Initial Decision of the Chief Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) in the above-captioned action.

GSN does not believe that oral argument is necessary to the resolution of Cablevision’s Exceptions, but of course, the Commission, “in its discretion,” is free to conclude that “oral presentations will assist in the resolution of the issues presented.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.277(c). In that event, GSN will of course participate in oral argument.

GSN also notes that under the rules oral argument should in no way permit Cablevision to further delay its compliance with the Initial Decision. GSN’s petition to compel compliance with the Initial Decision and Cablevision’s petition for a stay are fully briefed, and we urge the Commission to decide them immediately. No authority suggests that an Initial Decision in a Section 616 case should be stayed pending argument nor, for that matter, while the Commission resolves Exceptions; in fact, as briefed at length in the pending petitions, the Commission’s rules expressly provide that “in proceedings brought pursuant to [the rules governing carriage disputes under Section 616] the decision by the administrative law judge *will become effective upon release and will remain in effect pending appeal.*”¹

Thus, the Commission should order Cablevision to comply immediately with the Initial Decision, without regard to whether it decides to schedule oral argument.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 76.10 (c)(2) (emphasis added).

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: All counsel (by email)